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Preliminary Amendment (RCE)

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Dear Sir:

The Applicants request the Examiner to enter the following amendments before considering the above referenced application.

In Claims (marked-up version)

[Please amend Claims 1, 18 and 35 as follows:]

1. (*Twice amended*) A method for automatically generating a fully-textured 3D model of an object, said method comprising:

receiving from a camera a sequence of images taken sequentially and respectively around the object;

generating a 3D region from a sequence of mask images, each of said mask images derived from one of said sequence of images by projecting the object onto [a specific plane] a corresponding one of planes positioned virtually surrounding the object;